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Dear Mr. Hartman,

I oppose the Y-12 plant modernization.
We don't need a new bomb plant, because
- Russia & the U.S. have agreed to much smaller
stockpiles in the first rounds of START II negotiations
- The proposed new plans, a new HEU facility &
a new chemical plant will not lead to hundreds
of new jobs.

Sincerely,

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Comment No. 1

Issue Code: 16

Comment noted. There is no plan or proposal in the Y-12 SWEIS to build a new bomb plant. At the present time, the United States is downsizing the nuclear weapons stockpile consistent with the terms of START I and the recently ratified START II. Although Russia suspended its nuclear weapons dismantlement activities on January 20, 2001, DOE has continued its weapons dismantlement activities.

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Comment No. 2

Issue Code:03

Comment noted. DOE believes that it has adequately addressed socioeconomic impacts that could result from implementing the various alternatives. Volume I, Chapter 5, Section 5.3 of the Y-12 SWEIS addresses socioeconomic impacts of the proposed action and alternatives. Impacts to area employment from proposed actions would be short-term, lasting only the duration of the construction period. An estimated 1,130 jobs (540 direct and 590 indirect) would be created as a result of Alternative 4. There would be no increases in Y-12 employment due to operation of the HEU Materials Facility and the Special Material Complex because these facilities would be staffed by existing Y-12 employees.

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